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FROM Mr. Darby (C. O.).

to Mr. Croft.

No. 50768/1/49.

Dated 11th April 1949.

Received in Registry 12th April 1949.

Recovery of the Sums Expended by the Government of the Federation of Malaya in Repatriating Certain Indo-Chinese from Jedda in 1946.

Refers to F. O. letter of the 4th Feb. (K128/128/225). Cannot suggest that action to recover the sums expended should be abandoned as the French Govt. considers that the claim lies between the Govt. of the Federation of Malaya and the French Government. Asks that the French Govt. be approached again and an answer given to the High Commissioner as to how the claim against the siamese govt. progresses.

Last Paper

(K12126/128/225:48)

References

K128/128/225:48.

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Dft: Siamese Ambassador May 12.

9) Bangkok No 131 for if May 14

14) C.O. (Mr. Darby) ref. May 14

Dft: French Embassy. May 13

10) Saigon No 48. ref for if. May 14

14) C.O. ref May. 14

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(K7475)

(Minutes)

Finance Dept (Mr Minshull)

[signature] 14/4

~~Dft to French Embassy.~~

[signature] 29/4

The Govt. of Malaya repatriated on Aug 8/46 four nationals of French Indo-China from Jedda at a cost of £90. The French suggest now that these passages are covered by the Anglo-French Shipping Agreement of August 20/48. (Z.9174/342/17 ... 1948). The C.O. do not agree that an amount due to the Federation of Malaya of £90 for the passages of 4 French Indo-Chinese subjects in August 1946 is covered by this Agreement. (Z9174/342/17 – 1948)

Perhaps.

Western Dept.

Mr Fitzmaurice

will advise

H.W. Minshull 29/4/49

The question seems to be whether Para 5 of the British Note of 20/8/48 together

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together with para 4 of the Second Annex thereto lets the French Govt out.

I cannot see that the French Govt. is liable. The natural construction is that HMG in the UK must indemnify the Govt. of Malaya.

(This minute does not of course cover the Siamese point in the C.O. letter)

A.R. Walmsley
Western Dept
3/5

These pp. are incomplete. They do not contain our letter to the C.O. of Feb. 4 to which this is a reply. Nor do they contain the paper in which this was put to the French or the French reply.

The Anglo French Agreement is ambiguous on this point because it does not make it clear in terms whether the U.K. was contracting for the colonies etc. as well. The French contention is presumably that the Agreement must be deemed to cover all claims by & against territories for whom the U.K. is internationally responsible.

Para. 9 of the Agreement seems to show that this is not so, otherwise there would have been no need to mention certain claims against Kenya by name. Moreover the use of the phrase "sums due to the Minister" (i.e. to the UK Minister of Transport) in Annex II also seems to rule out this claim as the sums are unquestionably due to Malaya which is a separate financial entity.

G.G. Hermanides 5/5

Draft to French Financial Attaché
[illegible] 6/5 [illegible] 5/5

D(t) Thai Amb
July
D(t) Mr Sergent
July
from Mr Kemball

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Draft reminder / Siamese Embassy

B.U. 25/6 116 10/5

A) Royal Thai Embassy of 18.5.49

B.U. 25/6 116 21/5

B) French Embassy NL/AW/904 of 21 May 49

B.U. 25/6 116 27/5

Too early for reminders.

B.U. 25/7 116 1/7

Draft reminders Dutch & Thai Embassies.

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B.U. 25/9/49 29/7

Now see K. 7675 8/8

Nothing to be Written in this Margin.

Please enter
116 12/4

Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

My Reference 50768/1/49.

Your Reference K/128/128/225.

9th April, 1949.

K 3862

Dear Croft,

Please refer to Foreign Office letter of the 4th February about recovery of the sums expended by the Government of the Federation of Malaya in repatriating certain Indo-Chinese from Jedda in August 1946.

I fear we cannot suggest, to the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya, that action to recover the sums expended should be abandoned because the French Government considers that the claim lies between that Government and the United Kingdom Government.

The Anglo-French Supplementary Shipping Agreement of the 20th August 1948 appears to have been bilateral and we do not see how a claim put forward by the Federation of Malaya can be held to be a claim between the United Kingdom Government and the French Government.

The High Commissioner has recently asked for information of progress in recovering expenditure on Siamese and Indo-Chinese repatriates from Jedda and, in the circumstances, we shall be grateful if the

French

E.E.CROFT, ESQ.

12 APR 1949

French Government could be approached again, and if you can say how the matter of the claim against the Siamese Government progresses. Colonial Office letter 50768/1/48 of the 29th October 1948 refers.

Yours sincerely,

(C.E.R.Darby.)

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F.O.

~~April~~ 1949.
12 May.

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Siamese Ambassador

Sir,

I have the honour to refer ~~to a note~~ your Excellency's note No 836/2492 ~~No 3119/2491~~ of the ~~25th November 1948~~ 21st March 1949 ~~from the Royal Siamese Embassy~~, regarding the expenditure incurred by H.B.M. Govt ~~expenditure~~ on the maintenance and repatriation to Siam of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, and to enquire ~~whether~~ when repayment ~~of the amount involved (£15,578 : 8 : 6)~~ may be expected. The amount involved is £15,588 : 8 : 6, i.e. £14,733 : 8 : 6 claimed in F.O. letter of the 11th March 1948 and £855 (not £845) indicated in F.O. letter of the 20th November 1948.

Copy Bangkok for information

Mr Darby (Colonial Office) ref 50768/1/49 Apr. 11th 49.

Finance Dept
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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

12th May, 1949.

No. K 3862/3862/225.

Your Highness,

I have the honour to refer to Your Highness' Note No. 836/2492 of the 21st March 1949, regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government on the maintenance and repatriation to Siam of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia and to enquire when repayment may be expected. The amount involved is £15,588.8s.6d., i.e. £14,733.8s.6d. claimed in Foreign Office letter of the 11th March 1948 and £855.0s.0d. (not £845.0s.0d.) as indicated in Foreign Office letter of the 20th November 1948.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,
Your Highness' obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

His Serene Highness
Prince Nakkhatra Mangala Kitiyakara,
etc., etc., etc.,
23, Ashburn Place,
S.W.7.

NAME INDEXED

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THE ROYAL ~~SIAMESE~~ Thai EMBASSY,
23, ASHBURN PLACE,
LONDON, S.W.7.

No. 1449/2492

18th May, 1949.

K 3862/3862/225
19 MAY 1949

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. K 3862/3862/225 of the 12th instant informing me that the amount involved in connection with the maintenance and repatriation of Patani refugees in Saudi Arabia is £15,588.8s.6d. (not £15,578.8s.6d. as indicated in Foreign Office letter of the 20th November 1948).

I have passed on the above information to the authorities concerned in Bangkok and requested them to expedite the matter.

I shall not fail to get in touch with Your Excellency as soon as I receive a reply from Bangkok.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest consideration,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Nakkhatra

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,
His Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Office,
S.W. 1.

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Financial Attaché
French Embassy.
58, Knightsbridge
S.W.1.

F.O.

12 May 1949.

~~Sir,~~ Dear Sir,

~~I have the honour to~~ I refer to your letter NL/AW/2138 of the 18th December 1948, regarding expenditure incurred in connexion with the repatriation of four Mohammedans of Indo-Chinese origin, in which it is suggested that the claim for £90. is covered by the ~~British~~ anglo-French Shipping Agreement of the 20th August 1948.

It would seem that the Agreement ~~referred to~~ ~~does not cover expenditure incurred by the Federation of Malaya.~~ relates to transactions between the French Government and the Government of the United Kingdom and to certain specified claims against the Government of Kenya. and does not cover expenditure incurred by the Federation of Malaya, which is a separate financial entity.

In these circumstances, I should be

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be grateful if further consideration would be given to the settlement of the claim of the Government of Malaya.

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No. K 3862/3862/225.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

13th May, 1949.

Dear Monsieur Sergent,

I refer to your letter NL/AW/2138 of the 18th December, 1948, regarding expenditure incurred in connexion with the repatriation of four Mohammedans of Indo-Chinese origin, in which it is suggested that the claim for £90.0s.0d. is covered by the Anglo-French Shipping Agreement of the 20th August 1948.

It would seem that the Agreement relates to transactions between the French Government and the Government of the United Kingdom and to certain specified claims against the Government of Kenya and does not cover expenditure incurred by the Federation of Malaya, which is a separate financial entity.

In these circumstances, I should be grateful if further consideration would be given to the Settlement of the claim of the Government of Malaya.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

(C.G.Kemball)

Monsieur Réne Sergent,
French Embassy,
58, Knightsbridge,
S.W.1.

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
À LONDRES

L'ATTACHÉ FINANCIER

TEL: SLOANE 3404

58. KNIGHTSBRIDGE,
S.W.1.

NL/AW/ 904.

London, 21 MAY 1949

K 3862/3862/225
23 MAY 1949

Dear Mr. Kemball,

I am in receipt of your letter reference K.3862/3862/225 of the13th May 1949, copy of which I am sending to the Ministry concerned in Paris, requesting them to reconsider the matter.

As soon as I hear from them I shall not fail to get in touch with you.

Yours sincerely,

R. SERGENT.

C.G. Kemball, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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Thai Ambassador

Your Highness,

I have the honour to refer to Your Highness' Note No. ~~8~~ 1449/2492 of the 18th May, 1949, regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government on the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, and to enquire whether ~~if~~ it is now possible for you to settle this claim on behalf of your Government.

I have etc.

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Your Highness,

I have the honour to refer to Your Highness' Note No. 1449/2492 of the 18th May, 1949, regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government on the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, and to enquire whether it is now possible for you to settle this claim on behalf of your Government.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,
Your Highness' obedient Servant,
(For Mr. Attlee)

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

His Serene Highness,
Prince Nakkhatra Mangala Kitiyakara,
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M. René Sergent
Financial Attaché
French Embassy
58 Knightsbridge
S.W.1.

from Mr Kimball

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28th July 1949

Dear Monsieur Sergent,

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I refer to my letter of the 13th May ~~last~~ and to your reply NL/AW/904 of the 21st May last regarding expenditure incurred in connection with the repatriation of four Mohammedans of Indo-Chinese origin; ~~and to~~

I should be glad if you let me know ~~inform me~~ ~~by~~ the present position in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Monsieur Sergent,

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I should be glad if you would let me know the present position in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) C. G. KEMBALL

(C.G.Kemball)

Monsieur René Sergent,
French Embassy,
58, Knightsbridge,
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CONSULAR DEPARTMENT

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SAUDI ARABIA.

Registry Number K7475/3862/225

FROM Thai Embassy

No. 2265/2492

Dated 4th Aug. 1949

Received in Registry 8th Aug. 1949

Recovery of expenditure incurred on behalf of the maintenance and repatriation of Pattani refugees in Saudi Arabia.

Refers to F.O. letter of 28th July (K3862/3862/225) No instructions have as yet been received from the Thai Govt., regarding above but the enquiry has been referred to Bangkok

Last Paper

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References

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Dft) Thai Embassador 6th Feb.
Dft) French Embassy 6th Feb.

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B-U. 8/10/49

A) French Embassy of 22.8.49

D. N. HENDERSON

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B/U. 8/10.

30/8/49

B) French Embassy of 21.9.49

This seems to be a delaying action. Full information was sent to the French in 1947. I suggest we send a copy of our original letter - they may have lost it!

(AFHARVEY)
10/10

Finance Dept (Mr Marshall)

12/10

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PTO

M. Sergent rang Mr Kemball about the 4th of October & said that the French debt would be settled within 2 weeks.

I suggest we wait until 30th October before sending this letter

[signature] 13/10.

S. E. CROFT.

Mr Harvey

I agree.

B.U. 30/10/49 [initials] 13/10.

with K 3862/3862/225
and K 128/128/225 of 1948 only
and K 6719/1574/225 of 1947

We have heard nothing from the French Embassy, as far as I know. Letter may now be despatched

[initials] 31/10

c. French Embassy ltr NL/AW/1950 of 12/12/49.

This tells us nothing of use to the colonial office.

[signature]

A. F. R. HARVEY,

Finance Dept. (Mr. Minshull) to see

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B/U. January 30th 1950, if nothing further

H.W. Minshull 17/12/49.

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~~Thai Embassy.~~

A F R HARVEY.

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THE ROYAL ~~SIAMESE~~ THAI EMBASSY,
23, ASHBURN PLACE,
LONDON, S.W.7.

No.2265/2492

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4th August, 1949.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. K 3862/3862/225 of the 28th July last in respect of the refund of the expenditure incurred by your Government in the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of Pattani refugees in Saudi Arabia.

In reply I regret to say that no instructions have as yet been received from my Government in this regard. I have however referred your enquiry to Bangkok and shall communicate with you again as soon as I hear from them.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest consideration,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Nakchatra

The Right Honourable Clement Attlee, M.P.,
etc., etc., etc.,
Foreign Office,
S.W. 1.

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
À LONDRES

L'ATTACHÉ FINANCIER

TEL: SLOANE 3404

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58, KNIGHTSBRIDGE,
S.W.1.

London, 22 AUG 1949

Ack'd 25/8.

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24 AUG 1949

NL/AW/ 1387

REFERENCE : Your letter K3862/3862/225
of 28.7.1949

SUBJECT : Repatriation of four Mohammedans of Indo-Chinese origin.

Dear Mr. Kemball,

I am in receipt of your letter reference as above and I am sorry to state that, so far, I have received no reply from Paris on the subject.

I am writing to the Ministry concerned and to our Ministère des Finances, urging them both to see that a satisfactory settlement is reached regarding this claim.

I shall not fail to get in touch with you as soon as I know the position in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

p/o M. de Margerie

C.G. Kemball, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
À LONDRES

L'ATTACHÉ FINANCIER

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NL/AW/ 1541

London, 21 SEP 1949

Your ref: K.3862/3862/225
13th May, 1949

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K 7475/3862/225

22 SEP 1949

Dear Mr. Kemball,

Repatriation of 4 Mohammedans

I have to-day received a reply from the Ministry concerned with the above matter and I am sorry to state that their answer is not very satisfactory : The Ministry declares that they cannot find any trace of this repatriation in their files and they wonder if you could possibly let them have some additional information which would enable them to find out which is the Administration reponsible for the payment. !!

In the meantime I shall try, on my side, to find a way to have this question settled, but it does not seem easy.

Yours sincerely,

R. SERGENT.

C.G. Kemball, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

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Monsieur
René Sergent,
French Embassy
58, Knightsbridge,
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(from Mr Kemball

Finance Dept
(Mr Minshall)
Mr Kemball.

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Dear Monsieur Sergent,

With reference to your letter NL/AW/1541 of the 21st September last regarding the repatriation of four Mohammedans of Indo-Chinese origin, I think you will find that full details were given in our letter K6719/1574/225 of the 28th May 1947, a copy of which is enclosed for ~~your~~ ease of reference.

I should be grateful for anything you can do to settle this long-standing account.

Yours sincerely

Hold

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

4th November, 1949.

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No. K 7475/3862/225.

Dear Monsieur Sergent,

With reference to your letter NL/AW/1541 of the 21st September last regarding the repatriation of four Mohammedans of Indo-Chinese origin, I think you will find that full details were given in our letter K 6719/1574/225 of the 28th May, 1947, a copy of which is enclosed for ease of reference.

I should be grateful for anything you can do to settle this long-standing account.

Yours sincerely,

(C.G. Kemball)

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

Monsieur René Sergent,
French Embassy,
58, Knightsbridge,
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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
À LONDRES

L'ATTACHÉ FINANCIER

TEL: SLOANE 3404

58, KNIGHTSBRIDGE,
S.W.1.

NL/AW/ 1950

London, 12 DEC 1949

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K 7445/3862/225.

14 DEC 1949

Dear Mr. Kemball,

Repatriation of 4 Mohammedans

With reference to your letter No.K.7475/3862/225 of the 4th November 1949, I very much regret to say that I have not yet been advised by the authority concerned in Paris that they agree to making this payment.

The situation stands as follows :

Our "Ministère des Finances" has asked the "Ministère de la France d'Outre-Mer" to have the claim in question settled out of the funds of the "Haut Commissaire de l'Indochine" and so far no reply has been received on this point.

We are writing to Paris urging them to take all the necessary steps for the settlement of this outstanding claim.

Yours sincerely

R. SERGENT.

C.G. Kemball, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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Thai Ambassador

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Your Highness,

I have the honour to refer to your Highness' Note No. ~~2265~~/2492 of the 4th August last regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government on the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, and to enquire whether it is now possible for you to settle this claim on behalf of your Government.

I have etc.

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6th February, 1950

No. K 7475/3862/225

Your Serene Highness,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note No. 2265/2492 of the 4th August last regarding the expenditure incurred by His Britannic Majesty's Government on the maintenance and repatriation to Thailand of certain refugees in Saudi Arabia, and to enquire whether it is now possible for you to settle this claim on behalf of your Government.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,
Your Serene Highness's obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

His Serene Highness,
Prince Nakkhatra Mangala Kitiyakara,
etc., etc., etc.,
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Monsieur Sergent,

With reference to your letter NL/AW/1950 of the 12th December last regarding the repatriation of four Mohammedans of Indo-Chinese origin, I should be glad to know whether your Government have yet agreed to settle this outstanding claim.

Yours sincerely,

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Monsieur
René Sergent,
French Embassy,
58 Knightsbridge
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(from Mr Kemball)

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

6th February, 1950

No. K 7475/3862/225

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Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) C. G. KEMBALL

(C.G. Kemball)

Monsieur René Sergent,
French Embassy,
58, Knightsbridge,
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CONSULAR DEPARTMENT

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1949

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FROM Mr.Darby,C.O. to Mr.Croft.

No. 50768/1/49

Dated

Received in Registry 18th Oct.1949 19th Oct.1949

Expenditure incurred in the repatriation of Siamese and Indo-Chinese pilgrims from Jedda in 1946.

Refers to C.O. letter of 11th Apr.(K3862/3862/225) Encloses copy of savingram from the H.C.,Federation of Malaya.

Desires to be informed how the matter is progressing.

Last Paper (K7475)

References

(Print)

(How disposed of)

Dft) Maj. Darby, C.O. from Mr. Croft. 10th Nov.

(Minutes)

The position is that so far we have received nothing from the French or the Siamese Governments.

I am quite clear about the £90 due from the French, but I would be grateful for the other figures to be checked.

The Colonial Office statement is straightforward but I cannot understand the letter we sent to the Siamese Minister on 28.5.47 on K.6719/1574/225, (at 'A') in which we state the cost to be only £742.10s. in respect of 136 persons.

A.F.Harvey (AFL HARVEY) 5/11

Finance Dept. (Mr. Minshall)

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COLONIAL OFFICE

K 10021

The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

My Reference 50768/1/49

Your Reference K.3862/3862/225

18 October, 1949.

Dear Croft,

With reference to the last paragraph of my letter of 11th April, regarding expenditure incurred on the repatriation of Siamese and Indo-Chinese pilgrims from Jedda in 1946, I am enclosing a copy of a savingram from the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya.

I should be grateful if we could be informed how this matter progresses.

Yours sincerely,

E.E. CROFT, ESQ.,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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19 OCT 1949

SAVINGRAM

Colonial Office Reference 50768/1

From: High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 1085

Date. 20th September, 1949

Your Savingram No. 443 dated 12th April.

Repatriates to Siam and French Indo China.

It has been ascertained that the final figures of the expenditure incurred on the repatriation of these persons are as follows:-

		Total cost
(1)	To be recovered from Siam	
	a) M.V. "Eurybates": 105 adults, 27 children, 4 infants	£3,555 [3,443/16/-]. [100/39/3].
	b) S.S. "Laomedon": 27 adults, 2 children 26 3	840 [825]
	c) M.V. "Pronthis": 1 adult	30 30
		4297/16/-
(2.)	To be recovered from French Indo China	
	M.V. "Eurybates": 2 adults, 2 children, 1 infant	90 ✓
		£4,515

2. All these repatriated disembarked at Singapore, except the "Pronthis" passenger, who disembarked at Penang.

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I have now been informed that the Government of Singapore has been debited through the Foreign Office with the passage costs of all the repatriates except the "Pronthis" passenger, a total sum of £4,485. I shall be glad if you will note, therefore, that recovery from the Governments concerned is to the extent of £4,485 on behalf of the Government of Singapore, and to the extent of £30 on behalf of this Government. For that reason I shall be grateful if you will conduct all future correspondence with the Governor of Singapore, repeated to me.

Reference. M.U. 7678/47.

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Major Darby
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Finance Dept.
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10 November 1949.

Dear Darby,

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Yours sincerely

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(Sgd)

(S.E. Croft)

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The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
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My Reference 50768/1/49

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Dear Croft,

In Darby's absense I am replying to your letter of 10th November regarding the cost of repatriation of Siamese pilgrims from Jedda in 1946.

We are consulting the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya and will write you again as soon as the way is clear.

Yours sincerely,

J. R. Simms

E.E. CROFT ESQ.,

FOREIGN OFFICE.

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